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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PROSPECTS OF OVERSEAS MEDICAL DEGREES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian students who studied medicine abroad in the year 2005-06;

(b) whether all such doctors are permitted to practice medicine in India;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the criteria applied for granting permission to practice medicine;

(d) the procedure being followed by the Government for according them recognition to practice as full-fledged Medical Practitioners; and

(e) the total number of doctors who have obtained permission for practising as doctors?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) The Medical Council of India has informed that the Council does not maintain information on the total number of Indian students who studied medicine abroad. As per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government, have framed the Screening Test Regulations, 2002 whereby an Indian citizen possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with the Medical Council of India or any State Medical Council on or after 15.3.2002 shall have to qualify a Screening Test conducted by the Prescribed Authority for this purpose. The primary medical qualification must be a recognized qualification for enrolment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated and is equivalent to MBBS in India. Since 2003, 2848 doctors have been granted registration after passing the Screening Test.